

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant is thankful for the Examiner's indication that claims 8-9 and 17-18 would be allowable if presented in independent form. Claim amendments are herein submitted. Claim 8 has been cancelled and all of its patentable limitations have been combined within claim 1. Likewise, claim 17 has been cancelled and all of its patentable limitations have been combined within claim 10. Dependent claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16 and 18 have also been amended for consistency with the new independent claims. No new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are novel and nonobvious, and thus patentable, over the teachings of Jensen and McCormack. All claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of all pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the present amendment or present patent application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (514) 345-7955.

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